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CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves.)

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent), shortly.

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lbs.

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March 5, 1878.

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BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godwin.

Apply to BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

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SMALL COALS of Excellent Quality for STEAM BOILERS and SMITH WORK are FOR SALE at the KALONG COALMINE.

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MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp.

COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS.

SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS.

GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.

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METALLIC MEASURING TAPES, in strong Leather Cases.

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COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, and MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lenses according to the latest Admiralty regulations.

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BROWN WRAPPING PAPER.

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UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK. MAUVE INK.

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Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c., &c.

BACON & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds. and Kilderkins.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

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OF

BRATED WATER

MANUFACTURERS,

In connection with their

WINE TRADE.

The Quality of the Brated Waters manufactured is guaranteed to be First-class, the Machinery and Chemicals being New, and the Best which can be imported.

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SODA WATER, ... 40 CENTS.

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SODA WATER in large Syphons, 75 "

A Reduction on these Prices is made on Orders of over Three Dozen. Bottles charged, if not returned.

13, Queen's Road, and 22, Praya, Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

FOR SALE.

THE 90 A 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP "ARGENTINO,"

515 Tons Register (1426 Tons Gross).

For Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board.

Hongkong, May 4, 1878.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN KITZEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five DOLLARS, or Two DOLLARS and a HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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ICE CHESTS, THE LATEST AMERICAN IMPROVEMENT.

ICE PAILS, Plates and Tongs.

AMERICAN PORCELAIN-LINED ICE PITCHERS.

POCKET SIPHONIAS, WEIGH ONLY 12 OUNCES.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS.

The New BROWN and BLACK FELT HATS.

Summer STRAW HATS.

FORD'S EUREKA SHIRTS, COLLARS ATTACHED.

REMINGTON MATCH RIFLES.

SHORT SNIDERS, with SWORD BAYONETS.

NEW STYLES IN FRENCH BRACES.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, \$0.50 per Box of 500.

AIR CUSHIONS and BEDS.

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THIN SILK SCARVES for Summer.

Light French Summer BOOTS and SHOES.

A Large Collection of OLEOGRAPHS.

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The New Food Warmer, THE MOTHER'S FRIEND, keeps Food Warm for 12 hours.

French COFFEE MACHINES.

MAPLE SYRUP.

FRUIT and LIME-JUICE-SYRUPS.

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Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT REDUCTION in the PRICE of Plain Coloured

GLACE SILKS. For a short time only. We shall offer VARIOUS COLOURS at

one uniform Price, 60 Cents per Yard, some slightly soiled but all admirably suited for

Summer Wear, Evening Dresses or Underclothes. Our usual Price for these Goods is

\$1.25 per Yard.

GREAT REDUCTION in the PRICE of JAPANESE POPLINS. All these Goods

will be offered very Cheap, from 15 Cents per Yard.

OUR SUMMER STOCK IS COMPLETED; NOVELTIES IN EVERY

DEPARTMENT.

COLOURED FRENCH LAWNES, Wash and Wear Well.

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UNTRIMMED STRAW HATS, and BONNETS.

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NEW FEATHERS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS.

LACES and LACE GOODS.

BABY LINEN and LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING.

FRENCH and ENGLISH CORSETS, New Shapes, and GLOVE FITTING.

Fine WHITE FLANNELS, made specially for Summer Wear.

Fine INDIA LINO CLOTHS.

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DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road, and Stanley Street. [my24]

Intimations.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

18th MAY, 1878.

A PARADE will take place on the

Volunteer Parade Ground near

the Colonial Offices, on TUESDAY Next,

the 21st Instant, at 5.30 P.M. Uniform

need not be worn on this occasion.

VOLUNTEERS will be "Told off to

Battery," and into Squads for the purpose

of Preliminary Drill.

GENTLEMEN who were unable to

attend THIS AFTERNOON, will be good

enough to send their Names to the Com-

mandant, when a time will be appointed

for their Enrolment.

(Signed) T. C. DEMPSTER,

Captain 28th Regt.,

Commandant.

HONGKONG HUMANE SOCIETY.

VOLUNTEERS are earnestly requested

to Enrol themselves on the LIST of

this SOCIETY, as the TYPHOON SEASON

is at hand and more Working Members

are necessary.

Kindly send Name and address to the

HONORARY SECRETARY.

F. W. BARFF,

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

(Blue Serge Shirt, Helmet and Life Belt

supplied Free of Charge.)

Hongkong, May 17, 1878.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE

SOCIETY OF THE

UNITED STATES.

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China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,

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Assets, \$81,700,000

Surplus, \$5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed

"Agents in Hongkong, China, and the

above Company, are prepared to Accept

Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon

terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars,

apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN Accordance with the Articles of Association, the FIRST MEETING of

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company

will be held at the Office of the Under-

signed at 3 p.m., on TUESDAY, 28th

Instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to intimate to his

Friends that he is about to visit

SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hong-

kong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 27th May, 1878, at Noon, on the

Premises,—

All that PIECE or PARCEL OF

GROUND, situated near the No. 2

Police Station, East Point, and Re-

gistered in the Land Office as Inland

Lot No. 483, Containing 5,000 Square

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, Jnr., is this Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong and Foochow,
May 1, 1878. jol

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878. se8

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. M. S. CUBBY in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1877.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Shanghai, May 11, 1878. my20

NOTICE.
THE Interest of the late JOHN GURNEY FRY in our Firm CEASED on the 30th ultimo.
SILVERLOCK & Co.
Foochow, May 1, 1878. my22

NOTICE.
THE PARTNERSHIP existing between Mr. JOHN G. PURDON and Mr. HENRY W. DAVIS in Hongkong and Canton, under the Style of PURDON & Co., in this Day Dissolved by mutual consent; either Partner will Sign in Liquidation, and the Business will be carried on by Mr. H. W. DAVIS under the Style of DAVIS & Co.
PURDON & Co.
China, April 30, 1878.

MR. HENRY W. DAVIS retires from, and his Interest and Responsibility CEASED in our Firm at Foochow from the 30th ultimo; and Messrs JOHN ANDREW MATTILAND and EDWARD EYE HAGUE are admitted PARTNERS therein from this Date.
PURDON & Co.
China, May 1, 1878.

MR. JOHN GRAEME PURDON is this Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.
MATTILAND & Co.
Shanghai, May 1, 1878.

MR. CHARLES COLE is authorised to Sign our Firm per procuration at Foochow.
PURDON & Co.
Foochow, May 1, 1878. jol3

NOTICE.
MR. GUSTAV FISCHER has been duly authorized to Sign our Firm by procuration from this Date.
E. MEYER & Co.
Tientsin, May 1, 1878. my22

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undermentioned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tsz Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.
OHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.
IN Reference to the above, the Undermentioned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.
KONG CHIM.
Leasee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undermentioned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. de FOUEY, Agent.

Ex "Iracouady," from 10 cases Worsteds, London.
Ex "Tigre," from 1 case of Fire Arms, M'Isles.
LOP 18, Mr. Schneider, 1 case of Fire Arms, M'Isles.
Ex "Sindh," from 88/38 Order, 4 cases Um-brellas, Marseilles.
LA 67 Order, 2 cases Fire Arms, Marseilles.
LA 183 Order, 1 case Um-brellas, London.
N (in diamond) 1 Order, 4 Iron Plates, London.
O (in diamond) 2 Order, 25 Iron Plates, London.
Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. CITY OF PEKING, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Company at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my23

Notices to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Macarty*, from Manila, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undermentioned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 17, 1878. my24

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenlyon* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undermentioned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai and Japan, unless notice be given before Two o'clock To-day.
Goods remaining undelivered after 21st Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**
Hongkong, May 14, 1878. my21

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the Undermentioned Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this date it will be sold to pay expenses.
Ex *Argentina*, 30th April, 1877, M.....10 Cases.
Ex *Elgin*, 28th May, 1877, W S (in diamond).....8 Cases.
D S & Co. (in diamond).....1 Box.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
7, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, May 4, 1878. jol4

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT.)
The Steamship
"GLAMIS CASTLE,"
JAMES GREIG, Commander,
will be despatched for the above Port, at Noon, To-MORROW, the 21st Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.**
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my21

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Historian* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undermentioned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my27

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

THE DEPARTURE of the Company's Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" is unavoidably POSTPONED until further notice.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my27

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via YOKOHAMA, on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 3 p.m., instead of at the time previously notified.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my23

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

SHIPPERS of PARCELS are notified that, hereafter NO PARCELS will be received at the Company's Office on the days of Sailing of Steamers.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my25

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES.

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 27th May, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.
Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 26th May. PARCEL PAIDAGES will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. same day; all Parcel Paidages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
A Reduction is made on Return Passages.
SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to Officers of the ARMY and NAVY and Members of the Civil and Commercial Services.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my27

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAIWANFOO AND TAMSUI.
The Steamship
"TAIWAN,"
Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.**
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my22

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Steamer
"SOROGON,"
LOPEZ, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**
Hongkong, May 20, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American Bark
"H. G. JOHNSON,"
COLBY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to **VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**
Hongkong, May 20, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, British barque, Captain A. McIntyre.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
DEVANA, British barque, Capt. William May.—Molchers & Co.
H. G. JOHNSON, American barque, Capt. Isaac N. Colby.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
CHELSEA, American barque, Captain Edward Kelly.—Olyphant & Co.
AMERICA, British steamer, Captain J. Graham.—Bryce & Co.
DAGO, British steamer, Captain G. B. Haddock.—Meyer & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 18, *Hermann*, German barque, 444, Schmidt, Manlong May 10, Salt.—WILKES & Co.
May 19, *Emeralda*, British steamer, 395, Cullen, Manila May 16, General.—RUSSELL & Co.
May 19, *Dago*, British steamer, 1339, G. B. Haddock, Nilgata May 8, Rio.—MAYNE & Co.
May 19, *Historian*, British steamer, 1201, Wallace, Calcutta May 1, via Penang and Singapore 13, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
May 19, *Diamond*, British steamer, 1241, M. E. F. Jackson, Shanghai May 9, Foochow 17, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
May 19, *Thomas Bell*, British barque, 888, Grunzler, Manila May 9, Wood.—CAPTAIN.
May 20, 8.45 a.m., *Fuyue*, Chinese str., 950, A. Cross, Shanghai May 16, 11.15 a.m., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
May 20, *Sea Gull*, British steamer, 397, W. Smith, Saigon May 15, Rio.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
May 20, *Rosetta McNeil*, American barque, 611, F. W. Brown, Keelung May 15, Coal.—VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

May 19, *Avon*, for Shanghai.
May 19, *Macarty*, for Bangkok.
May 19, *Elizabeth*, for Newchwang.
May 19, *Bryna*, for Tientsin.
May 19, *Anna Bertha*, for Quinhon.
May 19, *Cassandra*, for Saigon.
May 19, *Yotting*, for Swatow.
May 19, *Chocota*, for Quinhon.
May 19, *Prinz Friedrich Carl*, for Nilgata.
May 19, *Benarty*, for Foochow.
May 19, *Chinking*, for Shanghai.
May 19, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.
May 19, *Thibet*, for Shanghai.
May 19, *Elizabeth Ode*, for Yokohama.
May 19, *Yangtze*, for Canton.
May 20, *Kjoberghavn*, for Holhow & Pakhow.
May 20, *Douglas*, for Coast Ports.
May 20, *Gunga*, for Melbourne, &c.
May 20, *Diamond*, for London, &c.
May 20, *Emeralda*, for Amoy.
May 20, *Chen-jui*, Chl. g.b., for a cruise.
May 20, *Fuyue*, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Georgina, for Foochow.
Wega, for New York.
Quarta, for Saigon.
Mecca, for Saigon.
Glamis Castle, for Yokohama.
Twodora, for Manila.
Dale, for Holhow.
Conquer, for Holhow.
Mangerton, for Quinhon.
Tartar, for Quinhon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Emeralda*, from Manila, Messrs Ryan, Bolton and Cetero, and 200 Chinese.
Per *Diamond*, from Shanghai, &c., Messrs Baynes and Cook for London; Rev. J. and Mrs. Wolfe, 8 children and servant, 50 Chinese, and 5 European third-class.
Per *Historian*, from Szele, Mr. Parsons, and 400 Chinese.
Per *Fuyue*, from Shanghai, Messrs De Sati, A. Bing, 8 Chinese in Saloon, and 85 Chinese in Steerage.
Per *Sea Gull*, from Saigon, 25 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Thibet*, for Shanghai, Messrs D'Alberis, David Jackson and A. Graves, and 81 Deck; from Southampton, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, and Mr. Taylor's servant; from Singapore, Mrs. Russell.
Per *Sunda*, for Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Jan. White, Miss White, male and female servants, 3 Chinese second-class, and 9 Chinese Deck; from Southampton, Mrs. Wignall.
Per *Gunga*, for Australian Ports, Mr. Swire, 3 Europeans and 154 Chinese.
Per *Madagascar*, for Bangkok, Mr. Schaab, and 30 Chinese.
Per *Benarty*, for Foochow, Mr. Davies.
Per *Douglas*, for Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith and children; for Foochow, Messrs Frank England and J. S. Edgar.
Per *Elizabeth*, for Newchwang, 3 Chinese.
Per *Anna Bertha*, for Quinhon, 3 Chinese.
Per *Cassandra*, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.
Per *Yotting*, for Saigon, 23 Chinese.
Per *Chocota*, for Quinhon, 3 Chinese.

PASSENGERS.
Per *Prinz Friedrich Carl*, for Nilgata, 1 European.
Per *Chinking*, for Shanghai, 1 European and 40 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Emeralda* reports: Left Manila on the 16th, had light variable winds to Pratas Shoal, thence to port fresh N.E. winds and high sea.

The British steamer *Dago* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage. The Chinese steamer *Fuyue* reports: First part strong S.S.W. winds with fog and rain occasionally as far as Tungling, then fresh N.E. winds and hazy till arrival in port.

The British steamer *Sea Gull* reports: Fine weather from Saigon until 18th, then fresh N.E. breeze with rain.

The American barque *Rosetta McNeil* reports: First part light N.E. winds, latter part fresh N.E. winds.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—
For HOIHOW and HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhow and Hanoi).
Per *Dale*, at 8.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 21st inst., instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Glamis Castle*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 21st inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, TAIWANFOO, AND TAMSUI.—
Per *Taiwan*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per *City of Peking* is postponed till further notice.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKER.—
The Australian Contract Packet *Normandy*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Ootkoon, Cleveland Bay, Borneo, Keppel Bay, Balabau, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m. Supplementary mail received on board with late fee of 18 cents till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Gall.

Hongkong, May 10, 1878. my21

MAILS BY THE FENHOE PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *Tyrrus* will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 25th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Malacca, Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gall, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 24th Instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 25th Instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, May 11, 1878. my25

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—
The English Contract Packet *Lombardy* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 1st June.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 31st May.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 1st June.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage till
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. jol

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Noon.—*Glamis Castle* leaves for Yokohama.

Normandy leaves for Singapore, &c.
Goods per *Glenlyon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, May 22.—
Noon.—*Taiwan* leaves for Swatow, &c.

THURSDAY, May 23.—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MONDAY, May 27.—
Noon.—Sale of Ground, Inland Lot No. 488, East Point.

12.30 p.m.—Sale of Ground, Inland Lots Nos. 217, 218, 483, 489, and 490, East Point.

5 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamers leave for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THURSDAY, May 28.—
5 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Limited, at Messrs J. Matheson & Co.'s office.

SATURDAY, June 1.—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, June 6.—
Great Central leaves for San Francisco.

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BIRTH.
At Shanghai, on 14th May, the Wife of F. W. GALLER, of a Daughter.

DEATH.
At Shanghai, on the 18th May, MARIA FRANCESCA, Daughter of C. A. Sanchez and Marianna M. Sanchez, aged 6 years, 4 months and 7 days.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 20, 1878.

It is rather interesting, if not altogether exhilarating, to the British portion of the community in this Colony to observe how confidently our Macao friends are anticipating the migration of firms and families from Hongkong to Macao in the event of a war, and what extensive preparations are being made on the Portuguese Peninsula to afford these unfortunate emigrants suitable accommodation and protection. Houses, we are told, are being repaired, and rents becoming enhanced, all on the strength of a "general impression" that a declaration of war between Russia and England will result in an exodus of the affluent from Hongkong to the Holy City. We trust the Macaenses will not be too speculative in their preparations, because we have a strong impression that should war ensue we shall jog along about as usual here.

There are again some very considerable discrepancies between Reuter's telegrams as rendered by the Agent at Shanghai and by the Agent at this Port. Here is an instance of an important nature:—

HONGKONG. SHANGHAI.
London, 19th May. London, 18th May. It is semi-officially stated that the withdrawal of the Russian troops from Constantinople is commencing, and that such a movement is considered impossible until the Turks have evacuated their fortresses, and the English vessels have passed the Dardanelles, is infinitely more likely to be true than one to an exactly opposite effect. Indeed subsequent telegrams, especially those of to-day, place almost beyond question the accuracy of the Hongkong rendering. The massing of Russian troops at Constantinople is, we take it, mainly intended to coerce the Turks into the evacuation of the fortresses that remain in their hands. The question that must now force itself upon the consideration of the British Government is, whether if these fortresses are given up, or the Russians by some sudden and overwhelming movement obtain possession of the fortifications lining the western shore of the Bosphorus, or possibly that of the Dardanelles, the Czar's troops will not have secured such advantageous positions as to increase indefinitely the difficulties and risks of a British campaign in Turkey, if not indeed jeopardising the position of the fleet, Russia holding the shores of the Bosphorus, or those of the Dardanelles, would, we are inclined to believe, be comparatively little disposed to accede to British demands. It is to be hoped that there will be no war, but that if it must come then that it come quickly.

During nearly a decade the Straits authorities have been troubled with a "white elephant" in the shape of the Government steamer *Philo*. This vessel was supplied some seven or eight years ago by the Home Government at the cost of the Colony, and has since been the object of unlimited abuse and blockading. In the first place it was alleged that the Settlements were saddled with the steamer by the Government because

she had been refused by the Administration of another Colony for whom she was originally built. Then it was said she was only worth about half as much as she cost; that she was a perfect glut in the matter of fuel; that the vibration from the working of her machinery was such as to seriously interfere with the Government slumbers and distort the official dreams, and, lastly, that she seemed possessed with insatiable requirements in the matter of paint and repairs. Matters reached such a climax that the unfortunate vessel could not take a trip without exciting local scribbles to displays of their best powers of sarcasm. After some lengthened discussions in the Council Chamber it has ultimately been decided that a Commission shall sit upon the vessel and decide whether she had better receive new boilers and engines or be sold. Lord Carnarvon is rather doubtful that a steamer is required at all by the Administration. As the proposed outlay for a new one is something like \$110,000, to say nothing of working expenses and the cost of repairs, the point is well worth careful consideration by the Straits Government. Perhaps if the Singapore authorities give the steamer a more hopeful name than it at present bears, its future performances might be more satisfactory.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")
(By Southern Route.)

THE WAR.
LONDON, 10th May, 1878.
Notwithstanding the pacific tone of the St. Petersburg Press generally, the Russians continue massing troops near Constantinople.

The Russians are advancing nearer Gallipoli.

The Russian head-quarters will remain at San Stefano.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. CHUN AYIN arrived here to-day by the S. S. *Fu Yen*, en route for Cuba, via San Francisco.

A PRIVATE telegram has been received in the Colony to-day from Higo stating that Okolbo, one of the *Sang*, has been murdered.

We are requested to state that the Jurors in *Asburn v. Hang Yik* will not be required to attend till Thursday next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The quantity of spirits manufactured at the Hongkong Distillery during the quarter ending the 11th May is returned in the *Government Gazette* as 7,924 proof gallons.

We call attention to the advertisement which appears in another column, inviting young men of all nationalities to join the Humane Society.

The Walseng lottery farm was put up to public competition at Macao on the 18th instant, and realised the enormous sum of \$401,000 for three years, to be reckoned from the 27th September next.

The maximum temperature at the Harbour Master's Office during the last week was 82.5 and the minimum 73.0; at the Peak the maximum was 75.5 and the minimum 65.0.

NOTICE is given by the Postmaster General of the loss of the mail packet *Kafir*, which left Table Bay, Cape of Good Hope, on Feb. 18th. Her mail for Hongkong consisted of 4 letters and 8 papers, which were lost.

In the course of the Coroner's enquiry to-day, Dr. Ayres said, in reply to a question by Mr. A. F. Smith, that Chinese coolies were better off in Gaol than out of it, and to show that such was the case said that prisoners of this class invariably gain 2 lbs. in weight after three months' confinement.

A reward of \$200 is offered by the Government for information that will lead to the apprehension of the person or persons who murdered the woman Lo Kam Hi, whose body was found in a house in Queen's road, West, on the 18th instant; a free pardon is also offered to any person implicated in the crime who may give such information, provided he or she be not the actual perpetrator of the murder.

We hear that a proclamation has been posted up in Canton by the Viceroy Lau, threatening with instant execution any one who may endeavour, by raising false expectations, to induce people to emigrate abroad. The proclamation calls attention to the treaties with Peru and the United States, providing that all emigration shall be free and voluntary.

The Band and Pipes of the 74th Highlanders will perform on the Parade Ground, Murray Barracks, to-morrow night, the 21st inst., commencing at 9 p.m.; the following is the programme:—

Quadrille, "On Ballo in Maschera," Strauss.
Overture, "Nabucco," Verdi.
Selection, "Elixir d'Amore," Donizetti.
Valse, "Die Hydrogenen," Gungl.
Selection, "Ruy Blas," Marchetti.
Galop, "Bertinier," Arndt.

Mr. J. BUCHANAN, Band Master.

PIPER'S.

March, "McDougal's Favourite."
Do, "Native Highland Home."
Do, "Land O' Cocken."
Do, "Graham's Gathering."
Do, "White Cockade."

J. HALL, Pipe Major.

RUFFIANISM appears to be rather rampant in the Colony. One or two murders have been committed of late, the perpetrators of which are still at large. Two Sikh constables were lately attacked at Aberdeen and their rifles taken from them. A European constable was attacked by a prisoner he was bringing from Aberdeen in broad daylight, and he nearly succeeded in effecting his escape, and there have been many other instances evidencing the daring nature of the criminal class we have in our midst. It will be seen by our Police reports that P. C. J. Butlin was attacked in a most determined manner, and it was only after a hard prolonged struggle that his assailant was secured. Last night, also, a number of burglars, as will be seen from our Police report, were interrupted in their nefarious attempts by a party of Police headed by Captain Deane and Inspector Lindsay. They attacked the officers, who were unarmed, in a furious manner with swords, and Captain Deane and a Sikh Constable, in attempting to ward off blows, got their hands cut nearly through, and both are now under medical treatment. Two or three of the thieves managed to make good their escape, but the police are on their track. The left eye of the third prisoner got knocked out during the melee—a circumstance which will, we think, excite little sympathy.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the bodies of Chan Ahing and Wong Ayan (who died in Victoria Gaol whilst undergoing a term of imprisonment) before the Coroner (C. V. Creagh, Esquire), and a Jury comprising Messrs A. F. Smith, J. A. Gutierrez and J. F. C. de Rosa. Captain Dempster, the Superintendent of the Gaol, sworn stated that Chan Ahing was convicted on the 23rd Oct. 1877 for attempting to enter a dwelling house, and having house breaking implements in his possession, and was sentenced to 3 years' penal servitude on the first count and 3 years' imprisonment on the second. He was never punished for breaches of discipline. He entered the Hospital on the 17th instant. Dr. Ayres proved that Chan Ahing was complaining of giddiness and constipation, and an uneasy feeling in his chest. The constipation was relieved and he then said that he felt no pain whatever, but there was a great dullness in the action of the heart. Yesterday morning he was seized suddenly with difficulty of breathing and died about 4 to 6 a.m. A post mortem examination, showed that the cause of death was enlargement of the heart and congestion of the lungs.

In the case of Wong Ayan, Captain Dempster stated that the deceased was convicted on the 18th December, and sentenced to 3 years' penal servitude for larceny and two previous convictions. He bore a very bad character whilst in gaol and frequently received the ordinary punishments for breach of prison discipline, but had never been flogged. He was admitted to Hospital on the 18th instant.

Dr. Ayres proved that deceased had been twice in Hospital the first time suffering from a contagious disease and the last time suffering from acute rheumatism. He never complained of his chest and it was not discovered until lately. He then sounded and a dullness of the heart was discovered. A post mortem examination disclosed the fact that he died from disease of the heart. The Jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes in both cases.

The following notice to Mariners, dated May 19th, has been issued by the Acting Engineer-in-Chief to the Imperial Maritime Customs:—

Notice is hereby given that in consequence of a change in the Shoals at the entrance of the Woonung River, the following alterations were made on the 11th May, 1878:—

1.—Woonung Buoy.—This buoy (No. 29 in the Chinese List of Lights, Buys and Beacons of 1875), painted red and black vertical stripes, on the starboard hand of the channel at the entrance of the Woonung

River, has been shifted 400 feet to the S. 11° W. of its former position.
2.—Woonung Light.—For the same reason this Light has been altered so as to show White between the bank of the Yangtze to the Westward of the Lighthouse, and S. 15° E.
Green between S. 1° E. and S. 56° W.
White between S. 56° W. and S. 70° 30' W.
Red (remaining as formerly) between S. 70° 30' W. and the opposite bank of the Woonung River.
The Bearings are Magnetic, and taken from Seaward.

Macao.

A letter from Macao says,—Houses long untenanted, have been repaired and the quotations for rent are enhancing or receding daily according to the nature of the political Reuter's telegrams. The general impression here is that the situation is so critical that a declaration of war between England and Russia is now a question of hours, and that affluent families of Hongkong will resort to Macao for safety. A mansion has just been bought by the Bishop for the accommodation of the Italian Sisters of Charity of Calne Road and their feminine regiment of orphans, numbering, I understand, about five hundred.

Though I don't believe that the Russians will be so mad as to pay you a bellicose visit, I am glad to see that you are well prepared for the worst. The volunteer corps, now being formed, will be a great help to the regulars. Governor Hennessy ought to profit by the experience of his predecessor, Sir John Bowring, of happy memory, who in 1854 not only raised a volunteer corps to co-operate with the 59th Regt., under Colonel Graham, who were precluded from joining the volunteers, to keep the Chinese in check. The only survivors, I believe, of the 1st volunteer corps, now in the Colony, are Mr. E. P. Campos, of the P. & O. Co., and Mr. J. de Souza, the printer; all others have either gone home or paid the last tribute of nature.

An absurd rumour is now going round that the Governor of Macao has forbidden the Portuguese to take arms under the British flag. I am glad to be able to state that such is not the case. What Governor Correia da Silva objects to is the enrolment of any volunteer corps in the Portuguese Consulate. He can never for a moment prohibit Portuguese subjects, domiciled in Hongkong, from defending their families and their properties against all comers with a hostile intention. English ships guarded Macao harbour during the difficulties of the 8th October 1846, and English soldiers landed at Macao for the protection of the city in August 1849. England has more than once fought for the Portuguese, and all those who are conversant with the history of the Peninsula war and the French invasion still speak with gratitude of the heroic conduct of the British soldiers of those days.

It is also absurd to say that the Portuguese Civil Code forbids all Portuguese subjects taking arms in a foreign country to defend their lives and property, under pain of losing their nationality. Not a word about this is to be found in the Code, and by the Nov. Ref. Jud., Portuguese laws are not to be interpreted by inference. (Titulo III, Art. 22nd, par. 2nd says:—

"O que sem licença do governo acolta funções publicas, graça, pensão ou concessão de qualquer governo estrangeiro; não comtudo rehabilita-se por graça especial do governo."

Poor Pio Carvalho still lingers in prison untied! He is now nearly blind and will soon succumb to his sorrows. His wife and a troop of children go daily from door to door to beg a loaf of bread. I am glad to hear that the benevolent Portuguese amateurs of Hongkong will devote a portion of the proceeds of the last performance to mitigate their sufferings. The trial of *Calendula Graeca* ought not to be tolerated in a civilized community, and if the government do not take the hint, there are still some public-spirited persons who will come forward to make a representation to the Throne.

Ensign Barretto of the National Volunteer Corps has, I hear, been degraded for having acted as an auctioneer in a furniture sale the other day—an auctioneer is regarded as *tem offitio baixo*! *Risum teneatis amici*.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before Mr. Acting Justice Russell.)
May 17th.

McGILLIVRAY v. ROSE and Co., \$78.68.—His Lordship now gave judgment in this case as follows:—The plaintiff in this case entered into an agreement in England with Rose and Co. to serve the same as manager in Hongkong for one year, commencing on the 8th May, 1877, at a salary of \$260 per annum with board and lodging, passage out from England, and return passage thereon on the termination of the service. Time was to count from the date of embarkation on 8th May, 1877, and duly arrived here. From the evidence it appears that he got \$10 from the defendants shortly after his arrival, and one day, about two months after the date of his departure from England, Miss Rose sent for the plaintiff and said, "In case you want money I will pay you for two months."

Then she asked him how he would like to be paid, and he said, "It does not matter how." She said, "We usually pay every three months," and then paid him \$200, which he received without remark. He received \$300 quarterly for the next two quarters. He made no remark about exchange. On the termination of the agreement on 3rd May instant he was paid four months' salary at the rate of \$100 per month, less some goods supplied him by the defendants as well as a payment made in England by Mr. Rose at his request in the shape of premium on a life policy. The amount due to plaintiff is stated in an account rendered of goods supplied from January to the end of April this year, and there is also a statement, "Paid in insurance, £8 16s. 8d. at 3s. 11d. to the dollar." This account with balance of "four months' salary" was handed to the plaintiff on the 3rd of May instant. On the 4th May plaintiff indicated to Miss Rose that he wanted to see her, and after some conversation he said, "You charge me at the rate of 3s. 11d. for the premium paid in England, and all the year you have benefited the dollar at 4s. 2d. in paying fare. The plaintiff said by rights there was a considerable balance owing on rate of exchange, and the parties seem to have got to arm's length. Miss Rose told him that she always paid at 4s. 2d. and that he could try his rights. Hence this action. Plaintiff seeks to recover what should have been paid him in currency if the dollar had been calculated at 3s. 11d. instead of 4s. 2d. Plaintiff's counsel, who as usual put his case most clearly, cited the only reported case which seems to bear on the subject—Scott v. Bevan, 2 B. and A., 79. In that case a judgment had been recovered in Jamaica for a certain amount. The judgment debtor went to England without paying. The standard or nominal par of exchange between Jamaica and England at the time was £140 to \$1000. The real par was something like £160, i.e., \$100 in England was worth £160 in Jamaica. Lord Tenterden directed a verdict on the basis of calculating at the nominal par. A new trial was subsequently granted on the ground that the rate of the day of obtaining judgment was the proper basis of calculation, but it does not appear what was finally done. Probably the case was settled. There is no authority which I can find to govern the present case, but I think on principle there is nothing to show that the plaintiff is entitled to the exchange when the contract was entered into in England to be executed elsewhere, and the money consideration is in sterling; it must be taken that the fair and proper mode of payment is the exchange of the day when the payment is made or due. Mexican dollars are the only legal tender here. Hongkong currency at the rate of the day would therefore be the proper equivalent. In the present case there is nothing to show that plaintiff or defendants in England thought of exchange. There is nothing to show in the contract whether the \$260 was to be paid at the end of the engagement or by monthly or quarterly instalments. The evidence of Miss Rose is that she always paid quarterly and at 4s. 2d. to the dollar, whatever might be the rate of exchange, and that she had done so for eleven years. She said she had looked upon the plaintiff's salary as \$100 per month and she paid him at that rate all along. He accepted it without demur up to the last, and it would appear that it was only on seeing that he was charged at the rate of 3s. 11d. for money paid in England that he made any objection. I am of opinion that his periodical acceptance and settlement of quarters at the rate of \$100 a month is such an acquiescence in the 4s. 2d. rate as to estop him from going to evidence an agreement on his part that the dollar was to be calculated at 4s. 2d., or, in other words, that \$100 a month was the equivalent and acquiescence of his salary of \$260 per annum. To state a little differently, the conduct of the plaintiff and defendants amounted to a supplementary agreement on the part of Miss Rose that she would give \$100 per month, payable quarterly, as an equivalent to \$260 per annum, whatever might be the rate of exchange, and by the plaintiff that he would accept that amount as an equivalent. Manifestly Miss Rose could not have repudiated accounts and taken advantage of a rate of exchange had happened to rise to 4s. 6d. The payment by Mr. Rose in England on plaintiff's account was a separate transaction, and I think Miss Rose was entitled to recover what she actually was out of pocket for plaintiff's benefit. I therefore give judgment for defendants.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)
May 20, 1878.

The following gentlemen were empanelled as a Jury:—Messrs A. Cheyne, N. J. Gomes, A. F. Remedios, H. Stolterfoht, J. F. Horgan, R. Moore and H. L. Just.

Regina v. Chan Mui Yim.

The prisoner was indicted on three counts—one charged him with piracy with assault and violence, piracy, and receiving goods and violence, piracy, and receiving goods (the Hon. Geo. Phillippo) prosecuted. The prisoner was one of the crew of the junk which was attacked, and he was suspected of conspiring with the pirates as he ran away from the junk as soon as she returned to Hongkong and was afterwards found in possession of some of the stolen property and his own clothing which was taken by the pirates. The prisoner said he did not get his own clothes back and that he found the clothes he had in the junk. They had been tied up by the pirates who had forgotten to remove them.

The Court adjourned at 1 p.m. 1 o'clock and resumed its sitting at 2 p.m. when the Jury found the prisoner guilty on the third count, and sentence was reserved.

Regina v. Chang Ahum.

The prisoner was indicted for stealing 15 pieces of wood, the property of Chang Ahum, at Hong Kong on the 8th March. Both the defendant and prosecutor were "cleansers of junks" bottoms and the wood said to have been stolen was used for that purpose. The jury found the prisoner guilty. There was another charge against him, but it was not proceeded with to-day, and sentence was therefore reserved.

Regina v. Wong Ahuk.

The prisoner was indicted for larceny of a jacket the property of Lam Asin. The Jury found the prisoner guilty, and he pleaded guilty to two previous convictions. Sentence reserved.

The Sessions were then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)
May 20, 1878.

Yung Asik, a servant in the employ of Messrs Malcom & Co., was charged with attempting to open a desk in the firm's office with a false key. The key broke in the lock, and the attempted fraud was thus frustrated and discovered; a carpenter who is regularly employed by the firm swore on the "cook's head" that he saw the defendant attempting to open the desk. Defendant, who denied the charge, was sentenced to 4 months' hard labour.

TAKING A PER AND RUBBING HIS LEGS. Li Atung, a chair cooler, was charged with stealing a bottle of brandy. Mr. Williams, Assistant Comm. of Ordinance, said that he went with a few friends to Stonewater's Island on the afternoon of Saturday last, taking with him a little refreshments including a bottle of brandy. On landing at Peddar's Wharf at about 7 o'clock in the evening, the basket containing the provisions was suspended to witness's chair, and he then saw the bottle of brandy, a little of which was gone. The defendant was one of the two coolies who carried the chair. Later in the evening the brandy was called for, and the boy said there was none, and it was subsequently discovered that defendant had drunk it.

Defendant said he used it to rub his leg; he did not ask his master's permission, but his leg was very bad. Mr. May sentenced him to 21 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

A DESPERATE RUFFIAN.

Tsang Amul, a tailor, was charged with committing a robbery and assaulting P. O. J. Butlin No. 61 in the execution of his duty.

P. O. J. Butlin, sworn, stated that at about 10 past 1 yesterday morning he was on patrol duty from Hongkong to Koo-quan, when he saw the defendant carrying a bag. The constable called to him to stop, and he immediately threw down the bag and ran to a heap of stones and commenced to stone the constable, who then fired two shots at the defendant to frighten him. The defendant took no notice of the shots, but continued to throw stones at the constable. The constable then pretended to run away, and the defendant went off in another direction, the constable pursued and caught him. He bit the constable in the left arm, and struggled furiously to get away. In the struggle the constable lost his staff, and both defendant and constable rolled down the hill. The defendant tried to grasp the constable's revolver, and to prevent this the constable threw it away. Defendant then hit one of the constable's fingers nearly off, and did not let go his hold until he was off. The defendant was then tied to a tree by his queue, but got away as he had a false queue. He was subsequently caught again, and assistance having arrived, was taken to Hong Kong Station. The bag was found to contain about 26 ounces of peas, and the owner of the peas had been found. The defendant made a very lame defence, saying that he only looked at the bag when the constable tried to shoot him. The defendant was identified as having been fined \$20 or 2 months' hard labour for bringing a willful false charge of highway robbery against a man, and Mr. May now sent him to 6 months' hard labour.

A NUISANCE. Wong Ahwal, a married woman, was fined 50 cents for creating a disturbance at Mr. T. Ide Bowler's house.

DARING ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.

Chan Aying, a rice powder, Cheung Atai, Mak Afak and Li Atai, coolies, were charged, with others not in custody, with attempting to commit a burglary, at Bridge Street, and further, with cutting and wounding the Police in the execution of their duty.

Inspector Lindsay said he received information from Inspector Thomson, in consequence of which he went with three lookongs about 11 o'clock last evening to 55, Bridges Street. On the way he met Captain Deane who asked him what he was going, and he being told said "very well, I will go with you." Continued: "I and lookong No. 28 went to the back of the premises and Captain Deane and the other two lookongs to the front. When we got to the back door I heard a strange noise; I believe the house was unoccupied, that is, it was unlet. I remained on the top of the wall listening to the strange noise. I fancied from the general appearance of the place that I could manage to protect that part of the house myself, so I sent the lookong round to the front, my object being simply to prevent any one from escaping from the back. After the lookong had left me I heard a great noise, and the defendants, and I think two others of the lookongs, rushed to the back of the house and endeavoured to escape by top of the cook house. I threw stones at them and prevented them from escaping; I was standing on the retaining wall at the back of the premises which is higher than the cook house, being on the hill side above the building. The noise I heard was like the breaking of a door. In the act of throwing the stones I fell from the wall into the cookhouse, and thence I fell amongst the men. The distance from the wall to the top of the cookhouse is 10 feet, and from the top of the cookhouse to the ground is 9 feet. I fell upon my back, and caught hold of one of the men whom I identify as the fourth prisoner. I then got hold of another man, but he broke away, and all but the fourth, whom I still held, rushed toward the front of the house. The fourth prisoner had the iron pipe (produced) in his hand at the time, it was used for breaking through a wall. Hearing a noise at the front of the house like as if there was a noise going on I made my way to the front of the premises, and I saw the third prisoner in the custody of two lookongs. It was quite dark in the house, but I could see the lookongs and the third prisoner by the reflection of the gas at the street door. Afterwards heard a noise in the street, and on going outside saw Sikh Constable No. 581, who showed me his hand which was badly cut. I sent him to Hospital and I then saw Captain Deane, who was also wounded, and who appeared out of breath as if he had been running. I then went back to the house, as I felt I could do no good outside. I searched the house before I returned to the Station, and did not see the first two prisoners until I reached there. A number of Sikh constables arrived and helped me to search the house. The case was finally remanded until next Monday, the 27th inst.

China.

AMOI.

3rd May.

Latest advices from Tamsui by the steamship *Albay* report the arrival at that place of about 800 bags of the new crop tea from the interior, which were brought up at prices about five dollars per picul less than was paid for tea last season. I understand that the quality justifies the reduction in price.

Musters of several chops of Formosa Colongs have been placed on the market, but nothing has been done owing to the exorbitant prices asked. Teas of fine quality are expected to arrive shortly.

It is reported that \$500,000 which have been collected in Formosa for constructing the railroad between Tainan and Tuko have nearly all been sent away for the relief of the sufferers in the famine districts at the North.

It is also reported that the Chinese Authorities are anxious to close the port of Amoy and concentrate the trade of Southern Formosa at Tainan. To this end, the harbour at the latter place is to be improved by dredging. An ample harbour at Tainan, with good roads leading to it from the interior, will be the surest means of securing the wishes of the mandarins, with reference to Amoy.

The East and South coasts of Formosa are being rapidly settled upon by emigrants from the mainland brought over in Government steamers under the supervision of the Commissioner of Emigration, Fung Tsai-tai (formerly of the Poochoo Board of Trade), and are located on lands set apart for them by Government on terms and conditions, a copy of which in Chinese I enclose.

I hear that the wreck of the *Forest Belle* is still intact at Kwa-liang Bay, just as the fire left her, no one having attempted to save her, and she is still under guard by Chinese soldiers. Of course the great bulk of her cargo, which was below water, still remains, besides all copper on her bottom, &c.

The U.S.S. *Albatross* has relieved the *Ranger* at this port, which the United States authorities seem to have at last discovered to be one of the most important points in the East for naval quarters. This probably is owing to its central position and its telegraphic facilities, which are not possessed by any other "out port." I hear it is whipsawed by the recent order for the "colletrade" may have something to do with the movements of the *Ranger*, which vessel has, I believe, gone to Macao.

If the Government of the United States would busy itself protecting the people of China from insult and outrage at the hands of the roughs at San Francisco, which are daily committed in violation of the Treaty between that Government and the United States instead of joining in the armistice humbuggery concerning the "colletrade" between China and Peru, I would look quite as consistent with its duty.

It is perfectly well known to any one who has not been imposed upon by the false and coloured reports of scribblers in search of notoriety, that there is no such thing as involuntary emigration of Chinese subjects to Peru or any other foreign country, in foreign bottoms, and never has been. The people go to Peru under the same conditions, circumstances, and kind of contracts, that the emigrants go under, who are taken to San Francisco by the "Six Companies." It is certain that the hardships the "colle" suffers after his arrival at Havana or Peru are not greater than those he has constant in his own country, and it is to put up with in his own country, and it is more than doubtful whether the abuses that are inflicted upon him there are as bad as those imposed upon him by his own countrymen and the demagogues and hoodlums of California, which the United States Attorney-General decides his Government is unable to prevent. I append an extract from the March edition of the *Boston Journal of Commerce* concerning an important contract between Messrs. Oliphant & Co. and the Government of Peru which this subject bears remotely upon:—

"An important arrangement has been entered upon by the Government of Peru, with the house of Messrs. Oliphant & Co., of New York, for the importation of nitrate of soda to the United States. The contract is to extend over five years, and Messrs. Oliphant offer to guarantee a sale of 500,000 quintals per annum in the United States and British possessions. The article must be delivered to them on the coast containing 96 per cent. of pure nitrate and at most one per cent. of salt, such being the quality required for the American market. The terms are exceptionally advantageous to the Government, an interest of three per cent. being charged and an advance made of 1 sol and 70 cents per quintal in sterling exchange at 44d. per sol, which is certainly an improvement on the ruling rate of 22½d. The Messrs. Oliphant have the privilege of deducting from the net proceeds of the sales the annual subsidy of 150,000 soles in value granted to them by the Government on the contract to bring from Chinese labour into the Republic on the terms of the existing treaty between China and Peru. It is asserted by some parties that as 500,000 quintals fully cover the consumption of this country and the British Possessions, the whole trade thus being monopolised by one firm, there are prospects for a strong market. The production of nitrate of soda in Peru is a monopoly of the Government, although there are a few factories in the hands of private individuals. At the time the Government made the production of this mineral a monopoly, manufacturers had the option either to sell their factories to the Government at a stipulated price or continue manufacturing and pay an export duty to the Government. The weaker ones sold out to the Government, while the larger ones continued producing; and it now remains to be seen whether these individual factories will be able to sell cheaper for the American markets than the monopoly. Importers of nitrate of soda say that they know it to be correct, but their correspondents on the West coast make no mention of it."—*Shanghai Courier*.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

H. I. N. G. M. Corveta *Augusta*, Captain Hessemping, arrived this morning (May 18th) from Yokohama.

(News.)

Captain W. W. Lyon, of the steamship *Standard*, writes to us complaining of the difficulties and dangers shipmasters experience in navigating their vessels at the entrance of the Hwangpoo river. He illustrates his complaint by the case of his own ship, which was stranded on the Woonung river bar, on a "shoal spot" in mid-channel (being the third vessel in a fortnight which grounded there), and says

that if the spot had been marked by a buoy, or by a boat moored over it, neither of these accidents—each of which occasioned great anxiety, delay and expense—would have happened. Speaking of the necessity of taking steps to remove these dangers to navigation, and of the conservation of the river generally, Captain Lyon goes on to say:—"The consequences of this neglect must be patent to everyone. Trade must diminish, for owners of vessels will not send them to a port where they are liable to so much danger and unnecessary expense. I trust soon to see a Board of Conservators in charge of the river, as then we may expect to have every facility afforded us in navigating it. If something of the kind is not done, the mercantile community will only have themselves to blame if the trade of the port diminishes, as it assuredly will, if present circumstances are allowed to continue."

Quotations.

HONGKONG, May 20, 1878.
OPIUM.—New Patna, cash...\$682½ a 685
" Old Patna, cash... None
" New Benares, cash... 662½ a 665
" Old Benares, cash... None
" New Malwa, cash... 790
" Old Malwa, cash... 785
" Allowance... 6 a 12
" Allowance... 16.75 a 17.00
CAMPOR... 60.00 a 61.00
SALTPEPER... 6.25 a 6.50

Exchange.

Bank, on demand... 3/104
" 30 days' sight... 3/104
" 6 months' sight... 3/111
Credita... 3/111
Documentary, 6 months' sight... 8/114
Bombay, demand, Rupees... 227½
Calcutta, demand... 227½
Shanghai, demand... 71½
" 30 days'... 72½
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. B... 10½
Sycee... 8½
Mexicans... 15 p. 6 p.m.
Gold Leaf... 5.20
English Sovereigns... 5.25
Australian Sovereigns... 7 to 9½
Discount... 7 to 9½

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 62½ prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,525
China Trade Ind. Co., \$1,300
Chinese Insurance Co., \$272
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,645
North China Ins. Co., \$1,580
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$700
China Fire Ins. Co., \$182
E.K. & W. Dock Co., 9½ prem.
E.K. & W. M. S.-boat Co., \$4 dis.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$1.21
Hongkong Gas Co., \$75
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65
China Sugar Refining Co., 7½ prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104.
Do. of 1877, \$102.10/.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, May 20, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M.... 29.980
Do. 1 P.M.... 29.925
Do. 4 P.M.... 28.864
THERMOMETER—9 A.M.... 80
Do. 1 P.M.... 83
Do. 4 P.M.... 83
Do. (Wat. bulb) 9 A.M. 78
Do. 1 P.M. 81
Do. 4 P.M. 82
Do. Maximum... 84
Do. Minimum over night 75

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	Remarks.
Oct. 19, Oscar,		Hamburg	
Nov. 2, Minna,		London	
3, Elizabeth Shields,		Hamburg	
20, Jetti,		Cardiff	
Dec. 1, Glenagaber,		Flushing	
2, Otto,		Hamburg	
13, Sir Harry Parkes,		London	
10, Sedan,		Cardiff	
—, R. B. Fuller,		Cardiff	
23, J. R. Worcester,		London	
25, G. B. S.,		Liverpool	
Jan. 8, Korso,		Penarth	
13, Evidoo,		Cardiff	
17, Hylton Castle,		Penarth	
22, Belle of Oregon,		Penarth	
27, Earl of Devon,		Penarth	
30, Elizabeth Childs,		Plymouth	
31, Wandering Jew,		Penarth	
Feb. 2, Par Ardus,		London	
7, Nourmahal,		London	
9, Lodore,		Falmouth	
9, Hedwig,		Cardiff	
9, Channel Queen,		Cardiff	
21, Magdala,		Penarth	
21, Evidoo,		Penarth	
23, Eleanor,		Ryde	
24, Emmaalda,		Cardiff	
28, Highlander,		New York	
Mar. 6, Prince Amadeo,		Cardiff	
6, Francis B. Fay,		Sydney	
9, Mabel Clark,		Liverpool	
9, Josephus,		Penarth	
12, Penarth,		London	
14, Bertie Higlow,		Flushing	
12, Landseer,		Liverpool	
18, Francis B. Fay,		Norwich (n.s.w.)	

To Let.

TO BE LET.

With Possession from 31st Instant.
THE Portion of No. 37, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, known as "THE MEDICAL HALL."
 For particulars, apply to
TURNER & Co.
 Hongkong, May 17, 1878. jcl7

To Let.

THE MIDDLE FLOOR of No. 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, consisting of 4 Rooms, Comrades' and Boy's Room, Cook House, &c.
 For particulars, apply to
W. B. SPRAATT & Co.
 Hongkong, May 16, 1878. my30

To Let.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace, possession from 15th April next.
 Three Offices, in Club Chambers.
 Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.
 Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

To Let.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.
 Houses No. 2, and 3, Seymour Terrace.
DAVID HASSON, SONS & Co.
 Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

To Let.

A SUBSTANTIALLY-BUILT BUNGALOW on SEAMEN, in Canton. Possession from 28th May.
 Apply to
ABMEDEBHOY HABIBHOY.
 Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEH, SUER, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;
 ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th May, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. TIGRE, Commandant LORRIER, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
 Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Passes until 3 p.m. on the 24th May, 1878. (Passes are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
 Contents and value of Packages are required.
 For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUET,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my25



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suer, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venetia, Mediterranean, and London direct,
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 For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
 Hongkong, May 18, 1878. jcl

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THROUGH NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, May 20, 1878.

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IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

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 Discount 20 %
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

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Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first-class lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

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In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

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 Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au23

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figure denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
 Section 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
 Section 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
 Section 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
 Section 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 Section 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 Section 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
 Section 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Alonso	1 h	Miller	Ger.	str.	1179	May 9	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Shanghai
America	2 h	Graham	Brit.	str.	563	May 13	Birley & Co.	For Sale
Argentino	3 h	Barnett	Brit.	str.	915	April 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	For Sale
Bertha	4 h	Langley	Brit.	str.	1420	May 7	Meyer & Co.	
Bombay	5 h	Williams	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Achong	Laid up
Caldara	6 h	Williams	Brit.	str.	1303	May 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Camoos	7 h	Williams	Brit.	str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Achong	Laid up
City of Peking	8 h	Tanner	Amer.	str.	5072	May 15	F. M. S. S. Co.	Mails
Conguest	9 h	Scott	Brit.	str.	317	May 16	Kwong Lee Yuen	Holbow & Halphong at daylight
Cypreus	10 h	Wood	Brit.	str.	1288	May 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Foochow
Dalao	11 h	Haddock	Brit.	str.	1239	May 19	Meyer & Co.	
Diomed	12 h	Thompson	Brit.	str.	654	May 16	Yuen Fat Hong	Holbow & Halphong To-morrow
Dioned	13 h	Stapan	Brit.	str.	1204	May 19	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c. To-day
Fama	14 h	Stapan	Brit.	str.	117	May 19	B. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Tug Fly
Fatchoy	15 h	Holland	Brit.	str.	153	May 19	G. MaBain	
Fitzpatrick	16 h	Humphries	Brit.	str.	597	April 18	Geo. Chong Hong	K'loon D To-morrow
Glamis Castle	17 h	Smith	Brit.	str.	1588	April 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Yokohama To-morrow
Historian	18 h	Wallace	Brit.	str.	1201	May 19	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Java	19 h	Weber	Dut.	str.	886	May 14	Wm. Pustau & Co.	
Kienchow	20 h	Green	Brit.	str.	1209	May 15	Kwok Achong	
Malacca	21 h	Smith	Brit.	str.	878	May 15	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama Mails
Moona	22 h	Morley	Brit.	str.	678	May 15	Landstein & Co.	Saigon To-morrow
Normandy	23 h	Ellis	Brit.	str.	684	May 15	18155, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports To-morrow
Oxfordshire	24 h	C. F. Jones	Brit.	str.	1238	May 12	Landstein & Co.	Saigon at daylight
Quail	25 h	Smith	Brit.	str.	731	May 14	Soy Shing	
Suez Gulf	26 h	Smith	Brit.	str.	997	May 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Sorsogon	27 h	Lopez	Span.	str.	195	May 18	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
State of Alabama	28 h	Rickle	Brit.	str.	1511	May 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Taiwan	29 h	Young	Brit.	str.	408	May 17	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Tamral, &c. To-morrow
West Stanley	30 h	Ashley	Brit.	str.	983	May 17	Stemmen & Co.	
Sailing Vessels								
Aldebaran	2 h	Cole	Brit.	bge.	393	May 8	Borneo Co., Limited	
Anna Sloben	3 h	Paulsen	Ger.	bge.	325	April 5	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Callao
Areola	4 h	Penery	Brit.	bge.	947	April 24	Butterfield & Swire	
August Friedrich	5 h	Bruhn	Ger.	bge.	387	May 15	Stemmen & Co.	
Borneo	6 h	Shaw	Amer.	bge.	739	April 28	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
Brisbane	7 h	Henderson	Brit.	bge.	394	April 23	Russell & Co.	
Carl Ritter	8 h	Egger	Ger.	bge.	598	May 3	Stemmen & Co.	
Ceylon	9 h	Kelly	Amer.	bge.	681	May 8	Olyphant & Co.	
Crusader	10 h	Gorham	Amer.	bge.	668	May 14	Stemmen & Co.	
Devana	11 h	May	Brit.	bge.	785	April 9	Vogel & Co.	London Wanchai
Elcano	12 h	Barnby	Amer.	bge.	1551	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London
Ellas	13 h	Green	Hawa.	bge.	312	May 20	Melchers & Co.	Honolulu
Elles	14 h	Malins	Brit.	bge.	484	May 13	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin
Forence Nightingale	15 h	Malins	Brit.	bge.	282	May 8	Melchers & Co.	Bangkok
Forward	16 h	Vanderwood	Brit.	bge.	757	April 18	Rosario & Co.	Labuan
Francis B. Fay	17 h	Bollins	Amer.	bge.	839	May 18	Douglas Laprak & Co.	
Frank Marion	18 h	Elridge	Amer.	bge.	673	April 7	Russell & Co.	Honolulu
Georgianna	19 h	Lepretre	Foh.	bge.	639	May 8	Landstein & Co.	
Georgina	20 h	Bonney	Brit.	bge.	315	May 8	Gilman & Co.	Foochow Cleared
Golden Spur	21 h	Farrell	Brit.	bge.	656	May 16	Meyer & Co.	
Great Admiral	22 h	Thompson	Amer.	str.	1576	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
H. G. Johnson	23 h	Colby	Amer.	bge.	1081	April 16	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
Hans	24 h	Moult	Ger.	bge.	812	May 16	Wieler & Co.	K'loon D
Helen	25 h	Inkster	Brit.	bge.	433	May 18	Carlowitz & Co.	Sydney
Hermann	26 h	Schmidt	Ger.	bge.	444	May 18	Wieler & Co.	
Hoteperu	27 h	Shaw	Brit.	bge.	622	April 27	Captain	
Jessie Jamieson	28 h	West	Brit.	bge.	604	May 15	Douglas Laprak & Co.	
Jessie McDonald	29 h	Steele	Brit. Sm. str.	275	May 5	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Johann Smidt	30 h	Whison	Ger.	bge.	440	May 4	Melchers & Co.	Quinhon
Manington	31 h	Thompson	Brit.	bge.	389	May 6	Wieler & Co.	Quinhon
Marinel	32 h	Equidior	Span.	str.	228	May 7	Chinese	
Netherston	33 h	Moore	Brit.	bge.	251	May 10	Captain	
Norseman	34 h	Lark	Slam.	str.	711	May 12	Chinese	
North Star	35 h	Thomson	Amer.	str.	1374	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	
Nuevo Constante	36 h	Uriarte	Span.	str.	217	May 18	Remedios & Co.	
Myassa	37 h	Garrick	Brit.	str.	799	May 18	Butterfield & Swire	
P. J. Carleton	38 h	Amabury	Amer.	bge.	986	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco
Papa	39 h	Bliss	Ger.	bge.	392	May 3	Stemmen & Co.	Newchwang
Peri	40 h	Lohre	Ger.	bge.	276	May 16	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Foochow
Prosperity	41 h	Hansen	Ger.	bge.	476	May 10	Chinese	
Regulus	42 h	Lange	Ger.	str.	1115	May 1	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Rosetta McNeill	43 h	Brown	Amer.	bge.	611	May 20	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Sacramento	44 h	Nelson	Amer.	str.	1418	April 24	Butterfield & Swire	Cont'n
Sarah Nicholson	45 h	Selkirk	Brit.	str.	933	April 14	Butterfield & Swire	
Siamese Crown	46 h	Sass	Slam.	str.	639	May 2	Tack Mee	
Silas Fish	47 h	Williams	Amer.	bge.	702	May 12	Meyer & Co.	
Sumatra	48 h	Clough	Amer.	str.	1030	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.	
Tartar	49 h	Kasemans	Ger.	bge.	266	April 30	Melchers & Co.	Quinhon
Teodora	50 h	Granzler	Brit.	bge.	600	Mar. 30	Russell & Co.	Manila
Thomas Bell	51 h	Pendleton	Amer.	bge.	838	May 19	Captain	
Thomas Fletcher	52 h	Perry	Amer.	str.	1270	Feb. 7	Russell & Co.	Wanglam
Titan	53 h	Jacobsen	Ger.	str.	1115	Mar. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco
Wege	54 h	Healy	Amer. Sm. str.	591	May 2	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	New York Cleared	
Wm. Phillips	55 h	Harden	Brit. Sm. str.	229	May 18	Wieler & Co.	Foochow	
Uzziah	56 h	Dirks	Ger.	bge.	302	April 28	Melchers & Co.	K'loon D
Yesta	57 h	Dirks	Ger.	bge.	302	April 28	Melchers & Co.	
WHAMPOA								
Charles Moreau	58 h	Quatresous	Foh.	bge.	363	May 19	Landstein & Co.	Tientsin
Hail Columbia	59 h	Brereton	Amer. Sm. str.	382	May 18	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
Perusia	60 h	McKirdy	Bel.	str.	890	May 4	Olyphant & Co.	Honolulu & Callao
St. Arto	61 h	Radenac	Foh.	str.	287	May 5	Carlowitz & Co.	
CANTON								
Fuyew	62 h	Coad	Chi.	str.	930	May 20	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Yangtze	63 h	Schultze	Brit.	str.	792	May 19	Stemmen & Co.	Ningpo & Shanghai